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REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Today I bring a cordial invitation to all of you who
2. live anywhere near our northern National Forests. I
3. have been asked by the forest rangers on some 113 National Forests
4. from Maine to Washington and southward wherever snow and ice are all
5. ready at hand or may soon be found to invite you to share in the winter
6. fun. You young folk, and you oldsters too, better get out your skis,
7. and skates, and your sleds and your snowshoes. It's time for winter
8. sports again... time to smell the wood smoke coming out of the chimneys
9. of the warming shelters in the national-forest recreation areas....time
10. to again breathe deeply of snappy pine-scented air... time to marvel
11. at the splendid tricks King Winter can play in a national-forest setting.

12. The United States Forest Service expects that more than
13. a million people will accept this invitation this year. Several new
14. winter sports areas have been built with the help of CCC and WPA workers
15. and more work has been done on many of the areas established in past
16. years. So... get ready and come along. The more the merrier, says
17. Uncle Sam.

18. But now let's follow the winter trail to the Pine Cone
19. National Forest. As we look in on our friends we find Ranger Jim
20. Robbins and his assistant Jerry Quick warming their hands before a
21. little fire at the Blue Lake Recreation Area. And who's that with them?
22. Why, it's Jim's wife, Bess Robbins, and Jerry's sweetheart, the local
23. school ma'am, Mary Halloway. Here they are....

24. FADE IN CRACKLING OF WOOD FIRE, SUSTAIN
25.

1. JERRY: Brrr...feels like winter's really here, folks. There's
2. a real nip in the air today.

3. BESS: Yes, there is, Jerry.

4. JERRY: Say, Jim, things are lookin' pretty good out there, huh?
5. The practice ski slope's cleared and all ready for use.

6. JIM: Yeah, but there's still some things to be done. Dave and
7. the CCC boys have gotta put up those trail signs, and
8. we'll need a first-aid station up near that new rustic
9. shelter.

10. JERRY: Well, that won't take long. I think we're pretty well set
11. this year, and ready for the crowds.

12. JIM: Uh huh. Another snowfall like the last one and this place
13. will be chock full of winter sport fans. I expect more
14. folks will come out from Willow Glen than last year.
15. This winter sports thing is sure building up.

16. JERRY: What about that parking area the boys laid out, Jim?
17. Think it will accommodate all the cars we expect up here
18. this year?

19. JIM: Well...I...

20. BESS: Just listen to them, Mary. Business, business, business,
21. and more business, even on Sunday. It's a wonder they
22. brought us along at all.

23. MARY: I was just thinking the same thing, Mrs. Robbins. You
24. and I had better go back to the car and just sit there
25. and wait until.....

1. JERRY: Hey, nothin' doin', Mary. You and Mrs. Robbins stay
2. right here. Jim and I are all through with our
3. business. Huh, Jim?

4. JIM: That's right, Mary. Jerry and I had to come up here
5. and take a last look at the area before the season
6. starts. But we're all through now. The rest of the
7. day is yours. An' yours too, Bess. What would you
8. girls like to do?

9. JERRY: Mary and I are going to take a walk around the lake.
10. What do you say, Mary? It'll be fun mushing through
11. this snow.

12. MARY: There's nothing I'd like better, Jerry. Do you mind if
13. we go, Mrs. Robbins?

14. BESS: Why, of course not, Mary. You and Jerry run along and
15. have a good time. Jim and I will just stay here by the
16. fire. Anyway, I want to keep an eye on this coffee pot.

17. JIM: Yuh better be sure and stay off the ice, you two. It
18. looks thick enough but we haven't had a hard enough
19. freeze to do the trick right.

20. JERRY: I dunno, Jim. I've been throwing rocks and sticks out
21. there this morning. They didn't break through.

22. BESS: That's no real test, Jerry. Please don't go out on the
23. ice today.

24. JIM: Bess is right, Jerry. A rock or a stick doesn't make the
25. pressure that a man walking would. Better stay off.

JERRY: (LAUGHING) Okay, okay. I didn't say anything about going
out on the ice anyhow. I just meant that it's probably
thicker than it looks.

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1. MARY: Just the same, Jerry, you're not going out on the ice.
 2. I'll see that he doesn't, Mrs. Robbins.
 3. JERRY: Say, you'd think I was a little kid the way...
 4. JIM: (CHUCKLES) All right. Roll along, you two...(CALLS)
 5. and keep off the ice.
 6. MARY: (LAUGHING OFF) Come on, Jerry.... So long, Mrs. Robbins.
 7. (FADE) We won't be gone long.
 8. BESS: (CALLS) Sandwiches and coffee will be ready when you get
 9. back.
 10. MUSIC INTERLUDE
 11. FADE IN CRUNCH OF FEET ON SNOW
 12. JERRY: Boy, it's great out here today, Mary.
 13. MARY: Isn't it, Jerry? It's just...oh, look, Jerry...out
 14. there on the ice....
 15. JERRY: Huh?...Say, it's a wild duck.
 16. MARY: Yes... Jerry, what's the matter with it?
 17. JERRY: Gee, I guess it must have it's feet frozen to the ice...
 18. Can't seem to get away... Poor little fella... Say, I
 19. gotta get out there and get it loose, Mary. (GOING OFF)
 20. We can't let that little duck stay there and die.
 21. MARY: (CALLS) Jerry, wait! You can't go out there. The ice...
 22. JERRY: (OFF) It's all right Mary (FADING) I'll go easy...
 23. MARY: (FADING) Jerry!
 24. (PAUSE)
 25. FADE IN CRACKLING FIRE, SUSTAIN

When the name, Jerry, you're not going out on the road.
I'll see that he doesn't, Mrs. Robinson.

But, you'd think I was a little kid the way.

and keep out the road.

(PAUSE) We won't be from Jerry.

(CALLS) (Singsong) and notice will be ready when you go.

WASS TO COME OF THE CHURCH

WASS:

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There on the road...

Half... Jerry, it's a little thing.

Yes... Jerry, what's the matter with the

Good. I guess it was Jerry for a few years in the road.

Don't seem to get very... Jerry, Jerry, Jerry.

Good, get out there and get it done, Jerry, Jerry.

We can't let this little book stay there and the

(GUY) It's all right, Jerry, Jerry, Jerry.

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1. BESS: (WORRIED) Jim, those youngsters have been gone a long
2. time. They ought to be back here by now.

3. JIM: Aw, they're all right, Be-s. (CHUCKLES) Jerry's no
4. little kid. You heard him say that yourself.

5. BESS: Well anyway... wait! Isn't that some one shouting, Jim?
6. Listen!

7. MARY: (FAINTLY OFF) Help! Help!

8. JIM: Yes, I hear it. Sounds like Mary.

9. MARY: (OFF) Help! Help! (UP SLIGHTLY) Help, Mr. Robbins,
10. quick!

11. BESS: It is Mary. Oh, Jim, something's happened to them.

12. JIM: Something must have happened to Jerry, you mean. That's
13. Mary running this way.

14. BESS: What could have happened, Jim?

15. JIM: We'll know in a minute. (CALLS) What's wrong, Mary?
16. What's happened?

17. MARY: (COMING UP, BREATHLESSLY) Oh, Mr. Robbins... it's Jerry...
18. he.. he's in the lake.

19. JIM: In the lake? Where? How did it happen?

20. BESS: Wait, Jim. Let the child catch her breath... There, now,
21. tell us just what happened. Where is Jerry?

22. MARY: He's in the lake, I tell you. Back there a ways, on this
23. side.

24. JIM: Went on the ice after all, didn't he? Why didn't he swim
25. in to shore?

(WHITNEY) Now, those youngsters have been here a long time. They ought to be back here by now.

AN UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG MAN: (WHITNEY)

Little kid. You heard him say that yesterday.

Well anyway... well I ain't that some one speaking.

Later:

(FAMILIARLY OFF) Hello! Hello!

(OFF) Hello! Hello! (OFF) Hello! Hello! Hello!

Hello!

Is it Mary? Oh, yes, something's happened to them.

Something must have happened to Jerry, too. I mean, I...

They're coming this way.

What could have happened, Jerry?

Well, I know it's a mistake. (GASPS) What's wrong, Jerry?

What's happened?

Well, I'm in the line.

Is that Jerry? (Whisper) How did it happen?

Well, I don't know. I don't know how it happened. I...

Well, I don't know. I don't know. Where is Jerry?

Well, in the line, I tell you. Back there a way, or...

Later:

What is the... (Whisper) Jerry's not here.

It is Jerry.

1. MARY: He can't, Mr. Robbins, he's freezing... his clothes are
2. too...
3. JIM: Can't he pull himself out and...
4. BESS: Let Mary finish, Jim. Go on, dear.
5. MARY: We...we were coming back on this side of the lake and
6. Jerry saw a little wild duck out on the ice. It was
7. lying near a log and seemed to have its feet frozen to
8. the ice.
9. BESS: And Jerry went to its rescue?
10. MARY: Yes, Mrs. Robbins. He said he couldn't bear to let the
11. little thing die there.
12. BESS: That's just like Jerry, to...
13. JIM: How far out is he, Mary?
14. MARY: About a hundred feet, I think. Jerry started out....
15. crawling along the ice, and just as he reached the log...
16. JIM: The ice broke and Jerry went in, huh?
17. BESS: And Jerry's in the water now? Why, he must be freezing!
18. JIM: Yep, come on. We've got to get him out.
19. MARY: Jerry's holding on to the log, Mr. Robbins. He caught
20. hold of it just as the ice broke... What can we do, Mr.
21. Robbins? How are we going to get him out?
22. BESS: Is there any rope in the car, Jim?
23. MARY: Jerry shouted something about using boards....
24.
25.

He said, "Mr. Robinson, what's the situation?"

Don't be afraid, I'll be right with you.

Let's go, I'll be right with you.

Well, we were coming back on this side of the lake and

Jimmy saw a little white duck out on the lake. It was

just about a foot and seemed to have the best of it

the duck.

And Jimmy went to the rescue.

Yes, Mr. Robinson, he said he couldn't bear to let it

be like that.

Now the cat is in the water.

Swimming along the shore, and then as he reached the edge

the fox barked and Jimmy went in, huh?

And Jimmy's in the water now? Why, he must be drowning.

Yes, come on, let's go and get him out.

Jimmy's holding on to the log, Mr. Robinson. He's caught

hold of it just as the fox barked... What can we do, Mr.

Robinson? How are we going to get him out?

It's a very simple thing to do, Mr. Robinson.

1. JIM: No rope handy, and no boards either. Here, gimme this
2. axe. Ought to be able to cut some small trees that'll
3. help do the trick. I'm goin' ahead. (OFF) Bess,
4. bring the coffee when you and Mary come. An' some
5. blankets out of the car.

6. BESS: (CALLS) I will, Jim... Are you ready to go back now, Mary?

7. MARY: Yee, Mrs. Robbins. I'm all right now.

8. BESS: I'm so sorry the day is ending like this. Poor Jerry.

9. MARY: I...I hate to say it, Mrs. Robbins but I'm very angry at
10. Jerry even if I do feel sorry for him.

11. BESS: Why, Mary?

12. MARY: Well, Jerry wouldn't even wait to find out about the duck.
13. He could have thrown a stick at it to see whether it was
14. frozen to the ice or not. But he insisted on going right
15. out to rescue it, and now look what happened.

16. BESS: And the duck, Mary? What about the duck?

17. MARY: The duck wasn't frozen to the ice at all, Mrs. Robbins.
18. It flew away.

19. (FADE) Just before Jerry went through the ice.

20. PAUSE

21. FADE IN SOUND OF CHOPPING, SUSTAIN

22. JERRY: (OFF, WITH CHATTERING TEETH) Say can't you speed it up,
23. Jim? I'm freezing out here.

24. MARY: Isn't there anything we can do to help, Mr. Robbins?

25. BESS: Do hurry, Jim... Poor Jerry.

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1. JIM: (CHOP) There (SOUND OF SPLINTERING AND THUD) This ought
 2. to be enough. (CALLS) Be with you in a jiffy, Jerry.
 3. Hang on, boy, just a bit longer.
 4. JERRY: (OFF) My arms are all numb, Jim. But I'll stick it out
 5. as long as I can.
 6. JIM: Mary, keep that fire you and Bess made, goin' good.
 7. Jerry'll need it, along with the blankets. Got the
 8. coffee pot, Bess? Now, we'll drag these trees (GRUNTS)
 9. out on the ice, branches and all. (SOUND OF SWISHING)
 10. BESS: It seems to be holding all right, Jim.
 11. MARY: Hurry, Mr. Robbins, hurry, please. (CALLS) Are you all
 12. right, Jerry?
 13. JERRY: (OFF) For the love of Mike, tell 'im to hurry up, Mary.
 14. SOUND OF SWISHING
 15. JIM: There's another, now. I've gotta stand on these now and
 16. slide this one along to the end. (GRUNT) She's heavy.
 17. MARY: Let me help, Mr. Robbins.
 18. JIM: Push on the other end a little, Mary. (GRUNT) There.
 19. Out you go.
 20. SOUND OF SWISHING, CRACKING AS OF FICE
 21. BESS: The ice is cracking, Jim. Be careful.
 22. JIM: I think it'll hold all right. Now, the last one, Mary.
 23. Ready. All right, push! (GRUNT) There, I can slide it
 24. on out, now. (SWISHING CRACKING) Now, if the ice will
 25. hold. (CALLS) Have you out of there in a minute, Jerry.
 Try to kick over to the edge of the ice this way. I'll be
 able to reach you then.

to be enough (CALL) Be with you in a little time.
Keep on, boy, just a bit longer.
(OFF) My arms are all numb. Jam. But I'll stick it out
as long as I can.
Keep that fire you are here made. (CALL) Good.
Jimmy'll need it, along with the blankets. Get the
cotton wool, honey. We'll dress those boys (CALL)
out on the ice, blankets and all. (SOUND OF SNOWING)
It seems to be holding all in this time.
Hurry, Mr. Robinson, hurry, please. (CALL) Are you
right, Jimmy?
(OFF) You can't see it like that, in so much snow.
SOUND OF SNOWING
There's another, now. I've gotten stuck on these now and
also back along to the end. (OFF) Get a hand
let me help, Mr. Robinson.
Put on the other one a little, honey. (OFF) There.
On your feet.
SOUND OF SNOWING, DISTANTLY AS OF FISH
It's too late, Mr. Robinson, they're gone.
I think I'll hold all right. Now, this last one, Jam.
Hurry, Mr. Robinson, hurry. (OFF) There, I can hold it
on all right. (SOUND OF SNOWING) Now, it's the last
hold. (OFF) Get a few out of there on a blanket, I
think. Get a few out of the edge of the ice. (OFF) I'll
hold it for you.

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5. JIM: It ought to hold, Bess. 'Til I can get hold of Jerry and
6. help pull him out anyway. These branches will help. Well,
7. here goes. (CALLS) Coming, Jerry.

8. BESS: BE careful, Jim.

9. MARY: Be careful, Mr. Robbins.

10. CRACKING, SUSTAIN IRREGULARLY

11. JERRY: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Shake a leg, Jim, shake a leg. I feel
12. like I'm gonna slip off.

13. JIM: Hold on, Jerry. Crawl'n' along over these branches isn't
14. so easy, son.... Uh... right in the eye.

15. BESS: (OFF) Jim, do be careful... (CRACKING UP)..Jim, wait!
16. The ice is giving way. (LOUD CRACKING, terminate IN
17. SPLASH) Oh, Jim! The ice broke!

18. JIM: (GASPING) Boy! It is cold!

19. BESS: (OFF) Are you all right, Jim?

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6. help pull him out anyway. These branches will help. Well,
7. here goes. (CALLS) Coming, Jerry.
8. BESS: Be careful, Jim.
9. MARY: Be careful, Mr. Rebolino.
10. CRACKING, SUSTAIN THUNDEROUSLY
11. JERRY: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Shake a leg, Jim, shake a leg. I feel
12. like I'm gonna slip off.
13. JIM: Hold on, Jerry. Gravin' along over these branches ain't
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1. JIM: Yeah, Jerry. Just roll off that log and save your
2. own hide.
3. JERRY: Huh?
4. JIM: You can walk as well as I can. (SOUND OF SPLASHING)
5. Stick your feet down and you'll find out you can touch
6. bottom.
7. MUSIC: FINALE
8. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each Friday
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